



Tidings

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MARCH 2023

Sunday School
for kids & adults &
Confirmation classes
@ 9:00 am each week

Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Sermon Series:



March 5th:
In the Middle
March 12th:
Peace in the Presence
March 19th:
I've Seen Enough
March 26th:
What Happened?
April 2nd:
Palm Sunday
Everything Changes
April 6th:
Maundy Thursday
Service
April 9th:
Easter Sunday!

Easter People

As we begin the season of Lent, we'll be taking a look at some of the side characters from the Easter story. It's important to remember that all around Jesus during the days leading up to the crucifixion were regular people. Regular people with stories like you and me. In the miracle and the majesty of the resurrection stands people who had no idea what they had just witnessed. A group of young men, some only teenagers, scatters to the wind as their leader is arrested. A rich man stops hiding his faith to provide Jesus a proper burial. A government official finds himself having to choose between a man's life and a riot. One friend doubts. One friend denies. The woman who is the first to proclaim Jesus resurrected gets slandered throughout history! If that was the end of all their s

Their stories are complex but relatable. Because the resurrection changes everything. The resurrection takes the common and makes it sacred. Pieces of wood become symbols of freedom. Emptiness becomes a symbol of the everlasting. A dinner table becomes a sacred tradition. All because the cross wasn't the end of the story. And whatever we are going through today is not the end of our story either. God isn't done with us. Jesus is still moving us and teaching us. I like the way that the Message Bible translates Romans 6:8-11

*What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. **Never again will death have the last word.** When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: **Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word.** You are dead to sin and alive to God. **That's what Jesus did.***

The resurrection changed the game. It changed the lives of ordinary people into the extraordinary heroes of our faith. Still today it is taking us, the ordinary sinner, and transforming us into the world shaking people of God. Because sin has no claim over us. The broken pieces of our story don't get to write the ending.

We're Easter People, and that changes everything.

-Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: January 2023

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Ellison Church Council met on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 11:45am following the Congregational meeting. Rebecca Reif, President, called the meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Rebecca Reif, Pastor Ryan Shields, Eric Gahler, Brittany Wittman, Nathaniel Diekman, Janene Lattimore, Kim Traver, Sam Sutter, Susie Shaffer, Brice Gahler, Steve Turnow, Marty Hoeft, Brandon Kincaid and Administrative Assistant/Treasurer Mary Muntz.

Recording Secretary:

Meeting minutes from December meeting were read and reviewed prior to meeting Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Janene, second by Brice. MC.

Administrative Assistant Report:

Audit meeting for second half of 2022 to take place January 23
 Plans to focus on revising website
 Working on becoming familiar with new software Payroll modifications

Financial Report:

Reports were reviewed. Motion to accept reports made by first Janene, second by Sam, MC

Pastoral Report:

Planning for Lent. Weekly Lent Activities will be as follows: February 26 – Potluck, March 5 – Walleye Faith + Family Night, Craft Night, Family Church Camp Night/Weekend, meal planned by Nate. Specific dates to be determined for last three activities.
 Walleye Faith + Family Night – Ryan + Emily playing. \$20/person for pregame session, food + game ticket. Motion to contribute to cover for food gathering between program + game. First by Brice, second by Janene. MC.
 Reviewed attendance numbers broken down by year

Worship Team Report:

Mary + Pastor Ryan to rework description + contact current members to see if interested in staying on.

EFY Report:

Janene Lattimore to begin salaried position as PreK-5th Children’s Director in June
 Planning church camp over a Lent weekend hosted at church
 Going to start meeting to plan VBS. Tentatively scheduled for July 30 – August 3

Missions Report:

Veronica + Brittany to rework description, along with calendar of events before seeking more members

Trustee Report:

Amy to text Trustees concerns to be addressed that she finds while cleaning
 Trustees will have another text thread to communicate what has been accomplished

Pastoral Relations Committee Report:

Motion to modify committee and rename as Staff Relations Committee. Will encompass Pastor Ryan, Janene, Mary + Amy. Each staff person to choose one person to represent them. First by Brice, second by Nate. MC.

Church + Ministry Report:

Eric will look at re-writing the review rubric so that it is current and applicable to current needs

2030 Team Report:

Reviewing Town Hall notes
 Reviewing Constitution to rework to be relevant
 Evaluating additional parking options
 Looking at community events calendars for church to get involved in

Old Business: None

New Business:

Pastor Ryan inquired about confirmation gowns + gifts. Consensus was to ask the current confirmands if they would like gowns. Also, to provide a gift of some type to confirmands. Ideas included clutching cross or gift with their chosen scripture on it. Potential Confirmation Sunday to be April 23 or 30.
 2023 Borrowing Resolution – includes President, VP, Financial Secretary + Mary. Motion to change the signers to include the current 2023 council members Rebecca Reif, Eric Gahler and Nate Diekman in addition to Treasurer Mary Muntz. This will also remove former President Luke Sutter as a signer. First by Janene, Second by Brice. MC.

Next meeting February 13 at 7pm.
 Motion to adjourn meeting by first Janene, second by Brice. MC. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm by Rebecca. Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund
 (Council approved 02/13/23)

Beginning Balance 01/01/2023	\$28,348.69
Offering/Income	\$15,823.58
Expenses	\$12,176.06
Transfers	(\$500.00)
Balance 01/31/2023	\$31,496.21

Council regularly
 meets at the
 Church monthly
 on the
 2nd Monday
 at 7:00 pm
 in the Coffee
 Room next to
 the Kitchen



Be in prayer for the following:

Vi Gahler & Family - Vi's sister, Elsie (Wasserman) Dippman, passed away February 25th.

Jamison Zimmerman (Jamie) is undergoing testing searching for a possible autoimmune disorder. A team from Cleveland Clinic will be handling his case. Jamison has been getting sick with alarming frequency. Please pray for his peace as this kind of testing is certainly hard on a three-year old. Pray for Ashley and Nick as they care for him as well. Let us all pray for answers and manageable treatments to develop in the days ahead.

Chuck Vizi (testing)
Joanne Hellwig (wrist)
Phil Anderson (Keriann Sager's father, stroke)

At Genoa Retirement Village:

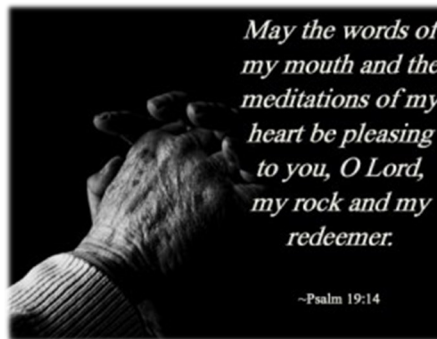
Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif

Those with long-term health concerns:

Rev. Don Corbin
Dawn Baker
Emeli Gahler (seizures)
Rayna Perry (juvenile diabetes),
Steve (community member battling ALS),
Don Weaver, Don Hoeft, Joel Marquart,

Those battling cancer:

Todd Hablitzel, Jennifer Smith. Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton, Logan Murphy



**March =
Todd Hablitzel**

A beloved member of the Oak Harbor community is facing significant health challenges. Todd Hablitzel is currently receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer at a facility in Arizona which combines conventional and alternative methods. Todd's three months of treatment will be based on targeted individualized therapies.

Unfortunately, his travel, lodging, and treatment are not covered by insurance.

In an effort to relieve some of the family's burden, a group of supporters has pledged to raise \$150,000 by Easter Sunday, April 9th. We will send our March Mission Spotlight funds to help with this goal.

To give toward The Todd Hablitzel Fund simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



Baby Baptism:

Eliza Joy Sutter was baptized on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Her parents are Ben & Elishia Sutter. Eliza was born on


December 3, 2022. She has three older siblings: Amelia, Silas and Myra. Her grandparents are Marty & Amy Sutter and Bruce & Theresa Stone. Her great grandfather is Gary Buhrow. Eliza's godparents are Luke & Faith Sutter and Anna Sutter.



**Congratulations to
Trinity Members
Luke Sutter and
Krista Hellwig**

Luke was recently appointed by Governor Mike DeWine to the Board of Trustees at Terra Community College.

Krista has been nominated by the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators for the Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program Award.



Pickleball has come to Trinity! Equipment and net are stored in the gym closets. Come and play anytime the gym is free or contact Michele Avery or Nyla Denman for more info.

Lent 2023

Last year we had lots of success and fellowship moving away from Wednesday night services for lent and instead having a variety of community activities. This year we will do the same, the schedule for Lenten community activities is as follows:

March 5th Beginning @ 3:00 pm	Faith & Family Night at the Walleyes
March 11th & 12th Schedule for Saturday, March 11 Arrive @ 2:00 pm on Saturday 2:30 pm Kids Session (PreK-Grade 6) & Men's Session 3:30 pm Women's Session 5:00 pm Pizza 5:30 pm Youth/Teens Activity **Anytime you are not part of a session, feel free to fellowship and/or play games**	Family Retreat Weekend Schedule for Sunday, March 12 9:30 am Breakfast Potluck—bring a breakfast dish to share 10:00 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall - Comfy Clothes (come as you are)
March 19th @ 5:00 pm	Church Dinner Party
March 26th @ 2:00 pm	Easter Crafting



Sunday, March 12th
after church



Church Dartball: Tuesday Nights
March 7th @ home vs Genoa St. John's UCC
March 11th All Day Tournament @ Graytown School
March 14th Make Up Games
April 4th Banquet @ Ole Zims, 6:30 pm



Confirmation Information 2023

April 23rd, 5:00 pm Special Event:
Reading of Confirmation Papers
April 29th, 11:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
April 30th, 10:00 am: Confirmation Sunday



FAMILY RETREAT

Saturday, March 11th

Arrive & Fellowship @ 2:00 pm

Kids Session (Pre-K through Grade 6) & Men's Session
@ 2:30 pm

Women's Session @ 3:30 pm

Pizza @ 5:00 pm

Youth & Teen Activity @ 5:30 pm

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feel free to fellowship and/or play games**

Sunday, March 12th

Breakfast Potluck @ 9:30 am
(bring a breakfast dish to share)

Worship in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am
(comfy clothes/come as you are)

Sunday, March 19th @ 5:00 pm

CHURCH Family DINNER

Come for this special time of fellowship with your church family.
Everything will be provided.

Family Lent

Craft Night

Sunday, March 26th @ 2:00 pm

Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter ?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?

Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

Use of the Church Hall or Basement

The church calendar of events is hanging on the wall outside the main office door. You can also view scheduled events on the church website calendar (www.trinityelliston.org). If you would like to reserve the hall or basement take a form from the pouch under the calendar outside the main office, complete it and return it to the office to be scheduled. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover events from year to year for holiday parties). Please do not just write on the calendar - we ask you complete the form first. Once the form is reviewed we will add it to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the office.

Trinity Logo Wear

You can now order items directly from bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist. If the item you would like is not listed simply call R&R Identification at 419-355-8206 or visit their shop at 160 S OH 590 Fremont, OH 43420 and tell them what you would like with the Trinity Elliston logo on it and they will be happy to make it to your specifications.

Table & Chair Sign Out

Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden style tables. The only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden chairs. Both tables and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.

Medical Lending Supplies

Many supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need! Supplies range from bandages, slings and braces to surgical shoes, canes, walkers and wheel chairs and everything in between. There are also some packages of "bath in a bag" and adult diapers and pull ups.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

2022-2023

Sunday School | 9:00 AM

PreK	Janene Lattimore
K-2nd	Kylene Liphart
Thrive (3rd-5th Grade)	Jan Corbin
Confirmation	Pastor Ryan (6th-8th Grade)
Adult Classes	Sarah Edwards Rev. Don Corbin

Branching Out Children's Church | 10:00 AM

(Rotating Teachers Each week of the month)

Nursery (2's & 3's):

- week 1 - Ashley Gahler / Nancy Turnow
- week 2 - Jennifer Laughlin / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**
- week 3 - Faith Sutter / Elishia Sutter / Sophie Sutter / Amy Sutter
- week 4 - Rebecca Reif / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**

PreK-2nd Grade:

- Week 1 Veronica McMonigle / Ashley Zimmerman
- Week 2 - Casi Johnson / Emily Burcin
- Week 3 - **TEACHER & ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR THIS WEEK**
- Week 4 - Kim Drummond / Dawn Kovac

Let the church office know if you'd like to fill an open spot!



Greeter Schedule

Team A:

- (1st Sunday every month & July 30, 2023)
- Dan Mathews
- Brad Jess
- Ed and Jane Gahler
- Nate Diekman
- Nyla Denman

Team B:

- (2nd Sunday every month)
- Matt and Casi Johnson
- Eric and Ashley Gahler
- Doug & Tammy Asher
- Blair Drummond
- Bella Hall

Team C:

- (3rd Sunday every month)
- Mike and Ann Diekman
- Troy & Brittany Wittman Family
- Brianne Perry

Team D:

- (4th Sunday every month & April 30, 2023)
- Jay & Joanne Hellwig
- Jim and Jen Laughlin
- Keaston & Rebecca Reif Family

**There is still room on some of our greeter teams for you! Contact the church office and we will assign you to a team/



Easter Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m on April 9th. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate or help with the breakfast, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Contact the church office if you would like to serve as a worship host for one of our upcoming Sunday Services.

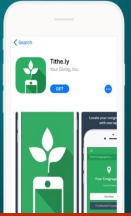
Duties would include keeping the service moving along by introducing our speaker while Pastor Ryan is away, calling for the offering to be collected, and saying a prayer.

MOBILE GIVING

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Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is super easy! We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

#2 - Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by heading to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://tithe.ly/Give). Once there, search for your church, and fill in the giving form.

#3 - Give in App

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store/) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

Trinity UCC

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Watch the Service Online http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html</p>						
<p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 2:30 pm Walleys Faith & Family Night Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Marty Hoefft</p>	<p>Heidi Mathews (B)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ home</p>	<p>Norma Reif (B) Brad Witt (B) Evelyn McCloskey (B)</p>	<p>Casey Kish (B) Madelyn Liphart (B) Barbara Chio (B)</p>	<p>3 Marty Sutter (B) Lily Sutter (B)</p>	<p>4 Craig Turnow (B) Connie Witt (B)</p>
<p>9:30 am Potluck Breakfast 10:00 am Worship in Fellowship Hall 11:00 am VBS Planning Meeting Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Brandon Kincaid</p>	<p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>15 Viola Gahler (B) Nick & Ashley Zimmerman (A)</p>	<p>16 Steve & Nancy Turnow (A)</p>	<p>17 Marty Sutter (B) Lily Sutter (B)</p>	<p>18 10:00 am Hall: Town&Country 4-H Desirae McCloskey (B)</p>
<p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 5:00 pm All Church Lent Dinner Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Brice Gahler Sarah Dresser (B)</p>	<p>Tidings Information Due Jackie Bast (B)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>22 Viola Gahler (B) Nick & Ashley Zimmerman (A)</p>	<p>23 Steve & Nancy Turnow (A)</p>	<p>24 Kristi Hoefft (B) Konnor Sager (B)</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 2:00 pm Lent Craft Family Activity Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Steve Turnow Faye Milbrodt (B)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Steve Turnow (B)</p>	<p>29 Alena Hernandez Kent McCloskey (B) Cindy Kinsey (B) Ryan Gahler (B)</p>	<p>30 Alena Hernandez Kent McCloskey (B) Cindy Kinsey (B) Ryan Gahler (B)</p>	<p>31 Hall: Clapsaddle Eloise Hellwig (B)</p>	

There's a place for you here!

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9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
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Available
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Upon Request



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